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Pre-launch activities under way again for Swift

Expedition 8 Commander Mike Foale speaks today concerning recent ISS mission

▲ ELV Update: Launch of the Swift observatory is rescheduled for Oct. 26 based on the recovery schedule developed after Hurricane Frances. The one-hour launch window extends from 1-2 p.m.

The stacking of the Boeing Delta II launch vehicle on Pad 17-A is scheduled to begin today with the hoisting of the first stage onto the launch pad. Attachment of the three strap-on solid rocket boosters is scheduled for Wednesday.

The payload fairing will be lifted inside the clean room with the mobile service tower on Friday. The second stage will be hoisted into position atop the first stage on Saturday.

▲ Astronaut Mike Foale Visits

KSC: Expedition 8 Commander Mike Foale is scheduled to visit KSC today to talk with employees about his mission aboard the International Space Station. His presentation is being held from 1 to 2 p.m. in the KSC Training Auditorium. Please join in welcoming Foale back to KSC.

■ Cape Canaveral Spaceport
Hispanic Heritage Month
Celebration – Tomorrow Kennedy
Space Center will observe Hispanic
Heritage Month with the 19th annual
Hispanic Luncheon at the Kurt Debus
Conference Center. Sponsored by the
Hispanic Employment Program

Working Group, the luncheon takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year's national theme is "Hispanic Americans Making A Difference." The guest speaker is Charles A. Gambaro, NASA KSC engineering lead and Combat Engineering Group commander who recently returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom. Attendees must park in Section 5. A separate parking area will be provided to registered volunteers ONLY. Luncheon tickets can be purchased for only \$15 per person from these employees: Joe Tellado, SSPF/M020, 867-6064; Luis Moctezuma, SSPF/3082E, 867-3082E; Lvdia del Rio, HO/2223, 86 7-2575; Pedro Carrion, HQ/2250, 867-0845; Wanda Petty, HQ/2321B, 867-9165; *Edwin Martinez*, O&C/ 2015D, 867-1699; Rosaly Santos-Ebaugh, O&C/3035, 867-8402; Ana Fugua, O&C/ 3056D, 867-4768; Janet Gobaira, CIF/348, 867-8365; Henry Bursian, OSB/5101N, 861-3870; Nelson Lerma, OSB/5101F-1, 861-4187; Pete Rosado, OSB/5203B, 861-3648; Lina Rosado, Center for Space Ed./Rm.1000, 867-2959/4090; Gladys Morales, CCAFS/CCSMO/ JBOSC, I Annex Bldg. 225, 476-4906.

■ Pollution Prevention Awareness Week Sept. 20 - 24 — This year's theme is "Storm Water Pollution Prevention." Displays will be at HQ,

SSPF, MFF and CCAFS cafeterias from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **today**. Please contact your Environmental Office, 867-4280, for additional information.

- Fuel Cell Vehicle Visits KSC -During KSC's Environmental and Energy Awareness week last April, many folks who stopped by to see the alternative fuel vehicles on display asked "Where is the fuel cell vehicle?" In response, KSC has arranged for the Ford Motor Co. to display and have limited ride and drive opportunities in their Ford Focus Fuel Cell Vehicle (FCV) Wednesday starting at 9 a.m. at the HQ Building, 10 a.m. at the SSPF, 11 a.m. at the OSB and 12:30 p.m. at the Visitors Complex (times are subject to change). The FCV also will be at the Visitors Complex all day on Thursday. To read more about Ford's Fuel Cell Vehicle go to Ford.com, select Innovation, then Engine and Fuel Technology, then Fuel Cell.
- Did You Know? KSC Director Jim Kennedy is hosting an All Hands Meeting concerning the impact and recovery plan for both Hurricane Charley and Hurricane Frances 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday at the Training Auditorium. The event will be broadcast live on NASA TV and online from KSC's internal home page at: http://www.ksc.nasa.gov/nasa-only/internal.html.